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1. GERMAN BOMBING AND BRITISH AIR DEFENCE
2. THERAPEUTIST
3. PRESS REPORT ON NEW GERMAN BOMB

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To DIRECTOR.

1. The focus of the bombing continues to be South-East England and the BIRMINGHAM, CARDIFF and LONDON areas. [1 group unidentified] that latterly the British fighters after [1 group unidentified] return to aerodromes to the north and north-east of LONDON, and not to the south-east as formerly. The great bulk of the bombs in LONDON have been dropped 300 metres off target: this is a result of the high ceiling. I personally have not seen the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [KUHLRAUSCHI][1] lower than 5,000-6,000 metres nor more than 3-7 aircraft at one time in daylight. Last night the SAUSAGE-DEALERS used rockets to bomb LONDON - the light lasted for five minutes. [B6 Observation has established that] most of the A.A. guns are deployed along the south-east coast, with a second group forming an outer and an inner ring round LONDON. In addition there are separate groups of A.A. guns for the air defence of individual targets. The low percentage of SAUSAGE-DEALER losses due to A.A. guns (114) can be explained primarily by the high ceiling. The military authorities persist in saying that a SAUSAGE-DEALER invasion is possible in the next one or two weeks.

2. THERAPEUTIST [THERAPEUT][11] has reported that on 1st September the SAUSAGE-DEALERS bombed SWANSEA. [B6 Some petroleum storage tanks] and the refinery belonging to SHELL-MEX were destroyed. The bombing [B6 continued] throughout the night, more than 500 people were killed and there were many injured. From his aerodrome alone 250 stretchers were sent there. He stated that when he visited a sound-ranging post the soldiers told him that the SAUSAGE-DEALERS find their way to BIRMINGHAM and other Midland towns by means of a directional radio beam originating in France. His aerodrome has

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been bombed again: the hospital was smashed and 30 people were killed. All the craters on the flying field are covered with camouflage nets so that the SAUSAGE-DEALERS cannot determine the real extent of the damage. On 4th September the SAUSAGE-DEALERS bombed the VICKERS works at WHIRLWIND. Bombs fell on the factory's [RE] canteen killing 80 people. The factory is not seriously damaged and work was interrupted for one day. On 1st September the SAUSAGE-DEALERS bombed the VAUXHALL automobile works in LUTON. There were many casualties. 2,000 workers were idle until 5th September.

3. The press reports that the SAUSAGE-DEALERS are using H.R. bombs with concrete casings against ships. Their effectiveness has not yet been established since there has not been a case of a direct hit yet.

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BARCH [iii]

Comments: ✓ [i] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓ [ii] THERAPEUTIST: Unidentified covername. See also MOSCOW's No. 450 of 7th September 1940, and LONDON's Nos. 882 of 14th August 1940, 903 of 17th August 1940 and 1107 of 3rd October 1940.

[iii] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1940. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRIGH.